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GUEST EDITORIAL

THE FACES OF MARS

by Brian Mathew Crowley

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Since publication of the book The Face on Mars that I wrote with James J Hurtak in 1985/86, US computer scientist and former NASA employee Vincent DiPietro of Glenn Dale, Maryland -- who is co-inventor with Gregory Molenaar of the computer image-enhancement programme called SPIT used to first confirm the Mars findings as possible constructed artifacts -- and his colleagues have discovered at least one, if not three additional face features on the red planet that could match the original find that rests so serenely and unmistakably on the sands of Mars, in the area known as Cydonia.

The most distinctive of these new finds, and closest to the Cydonia face in shape and form, has been located in the region known as Utopia (ref. NASA Viking photo 86A10). Close-by on the same shot is another face-like feature, while the third new addition to our growing catalogue of 'Faces on Mars' rests on a crater rim, as shown in NASA Viking photo 43A04.

The first of the two Utopia 'faces' bears a striking resemblance to the Cydonia face, clearly indicating twin eye cavities and an Egyptian style headdress (or is it a space-helmet?). Unlike its apparently perfectly preserved Cydonia counterpart, the nose section of this possible face-like artifact appears as if it may be damaged.

Returning for a moment to the Cydonia face, another US image-enhancement expert, Dr Mark J Carlotto of the Analytic Sciences Corporation, Eading, Massachusetts, has recently produced enhancements that clearly indicate the presence of sculptured teeth in the mouth area. This helps to re-inforce the already available evidence indicating that this is no wind-blasted mountain that looks like a face, as some more conservative scientists will have us believe, but an edifice of vast proportions manufactured by intelligent beings. (For the record: the Cydonia face is

2.5 kilometres from crown to chin, 2 kilometres wide, and stands between 500 and 800 metres above the ground).

And to add to the ongoing mystery, if all claims are accurate, it seems that faces in space are not only common to the planet Mars: there have been as yet unconfirmed reports (Weekly World News, USA, June 6, 1989) that a Soviet astronomer, Dr Alexei Blinov, has discovered through his telescope a massive stone face that stares out at us from a crater of our own moon, in the area known as Mare Nectaris, and that Russia's Venera 9 and 10 space probes in 1975 spotted yet another such structure on the surface of Venus.

But back to Mars, and a quote from a brief article in New Scientist of 8 April, 1989 relating to the reportedly failed Soviet Phobos probes sent to the planet earlier this year. According to Boris Bolitsky, science correspondent for Radio Moscow, just before contact was lost, the second Phobos spacecraft returned some images of the Martian surface to Earth, described by the Russian as "quite remarkable features". The report goes on:

'The features are either on the Martian surface or in the lower atmosphere. The features are between 20 and 25 kilometres wide and do not resemble any known geological formation... They are spindle-shaped and are proving to be intriguing and puzzling.'

Almost predictably, in the issue of Carl Sagan's The Planetary Society publication The Planetary Report that deals with the Soviet Phobos probes (Vol IX, No 4, July/August 1989), and which might safely be taken as reflecting the 'official viewpoint' in the matter, no mention at all is made of these strange Soviet pictures of huge spindle-shaped features.

One can only wonder if contact with the Phobos probe was indeed lost?

I can visualise some VUFORS members exhibiting a wry little smile. Some may even be prompted to remark that it all smells of yet another monumental cover-up exercise to match the many smokescreens created around official UFO findings.

ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul B. Norman

For the past twelve months many sightings have been reported to VUFORS, mostly nocturnal lights with mistaken identities about the usual ratio of 10 to 1. Physical traces are also on the increase and will be published from time to time.

During the month of October, three members of VUFORS Committee either appeared on television or were interviewed on radio. Judith Magee was on Channel Nine's evening telecast of October 13th for comments concerning the Elwood incident. John Auchettl was on 3AW and ABC radio talkbacks and on 23rd October, ABC requested me to be interviewed by John Jost on 3LO.

I was prepared to present details with regard to the Frederick Valentich encounter since it was eleven years almost to the date of his disappearance during his encounter with a UFO. To my surprise, Dr Allen Wright, of Parks Radio telescope was on the telephone line from Parks, N.S.W., to debunk UFOs. Although I did not know beforehand that this was a setup, it was no problem to adapt my presentation because once I know an orthodox scientist is involved, I know what he is going to say before he speaks. True to form, Dr Wright's leading remarks were anticipated word for word: "Yes, intelligent life is possible, no, they are not here, they are too far away, etc., etc., etc."

My rebuttal pointed to the past preconceived theories of orthodox science which has a documented record of constantly proving itself to be wrong. I mentioned that past laws of physics had been overcome by means of other laws of physics. To my surprise, Dr Wright agreed that speed of light would be no barrier in his opinion, but we had not advanced to that stage as yet.

Most ufologists are aware that we are unable to do this, that, or the other and it is the reason ufologists look elsewhere for the answer. Orthodox science allows no possibility or probability that another intelligence can come in this direction. If the number of planets that could support life are as numerous as most astronomers

estimate, and they haven't found the extent of the universe as yet, if they ever do, then the mathematical odds are infinity to one they will find us first or have already done so. Perhaps this is the reason many astronomers appear to have a subconscious fear to look at the nearby evidence.

One suggestion brought up by the astronomer was that he thought if UFOs existed, astronomers who spend much time watching the skies would surely see them. I retaliated by pointing out the range of telescope field of vision was too narrow at close range but astronomers had seen UFOs: giving example of Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, who had seen one, not through his telescope, but while standing in his backyard. Tombaugh described the object as cigar shaped and it maneuvered unlike any object he had ever seen, obviously under intelligent control.

Apparently, Dr Wright was not aware of the survey made by Professor Peter A. Sturrock of Stanford University. Five percent of those who replied had seen UFOs. A good percentage, considering astronomers are reluctant to discuss the subject. The problem with most orthodox scientists is that ufology is out of their field. They are out of touch and do not realize the extent of UFO activity.

The astronomer mentioned the recent display of Aurora Australis (southern lights) being mistaken for UFOs and some thought the rays of light were death rays! Now, I have been investigating UFOs for over three decades, the last fourteen years full time. I am personally acquainted with researchers all over the world and I have never heard of one person who has mentioned death rays when reporting UFOs. Yet, because statements like this are made by orthodox scientists not familiar with the evidence, many people swallow the statement hook, line, and sinker.

The astronomer gave an example of a personal experience while flying from Canberra to Parks, when he saw what he thought was an unusual phenomenon, but it proved to be the reflection of moisture on the wing of the aircraft. To an experienced UFO investigator, it would seem to be absurd that moisture on the aircraft's wing could be mistaken for any sort of unusual phenomenon in the first place.

When the subject of black holes and white holes was mentioned by John Jost as a possibility to defy time travel, the astronomer replied that this may be possible but we are not advanced to that stage as yet. No, of course we have not advanced to that stage as yet but how about others? A higher intelligence may have solved that problem by means of which we are unaware.

When a person has myopia(short-sightedness) he does not go to an astronomer for the solution, he goes to an optometrist and optician who is acquainted with the problem. I sometimes wonder if the Wright Brothers had been orthodox scientists would we have the airplane even now? If my assumption is correct, then that slogan sometimes seem on the bumper of a car, **UFOs ARE REAL, THE AIRFORCE DOES NOT EXIST**, would be accurate at both ends of the slogan.

Time after time, when a serious UFO incident is publicised, some journalist, who doesn't know anything about the subject, telephones a professor of impossibility at the local educational institution, who knows nothing about documented unexplained cases, but who gives a ridiculous "solution" trusting it has the saving grace of being little understood.

A good example concerns the encounter with a group of UFOs, filmed by a TV crew off the coast of New Zealand. The TV crew, from Melbourne, was on assignment to fly the route with a pilot who had made frequent sightings of unexplained objects in that area. The date was New Years Eve, 1978, two and one half months after the Frederick Valentich encounter off the coast of Victoria. More than fifteen "explanations" came from the scientific community around the world: all conflicting, none satisfactory.

A leading astronomer of New Zealand said he was 99% sure the crew had seen the planet Venus. The next day he was 99% sure the crew had seen the planet Jupiter. From the other side of the world, Sir Bernard Lovell at Jodrell Bank Observatory in England was sure the objects were meteorites. A vast difference from a planet, besides which meteorites burn up almost instantaneously whereas the several objects maneuvered around the aircraft, including four or five UFOs that followed the aircraft for several minutes. These objects were

detected by radar. An ornithologist in New Zealand was sure the objects were mutton birds flying inland to mate. If true, the birds were anxious to get on with the job. They were outflying the aircraft.

The spokesman for New Zealand officialdom offered the "solution" by stating the objects were reflections from squid boat lights. No squid boats were in a position to reflect such lights. A more plausible explanation would have been flying fish at ten thousand feet. It would seem from the contradictions that these gentlemen of learning would realise they did not have the answer but due to mental blocks within the ranks of orthodoxy they will not admit UFOs are real and there is something strange and unknown going on. In the past, the Astronomer Royal announced that space travel was "utter bilge". That statement was made one month before Sputnik One soared into the skies, indicative of the fact that many scientists are unaware of what is going on within the human race, let alone evidence of a more superior technology.

Anyway, the TV station management realised it had a credibility problem and decided to call in VUFORS, the organization that studies the reports. The major mistake of the original televised program was the newsflash of the "first ever" film of UFOs. Our first meeting with the manager concerned was to point out they did not have the first film nor were they even within the first hundred or so, giving some examples.

Our advice to the management was not to post but take the film to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), located in Washington D.C. This organization (no longer in existence) had photo physicists who had access to high tech apparatus and were interested in UFO photos. The advice was carried out but VUFORS received no credit for the part it played in directing the evidence to where it would receive expert analysis, due to the fact that it wound up in the hands of ungrateful recipients. A news story concerning this important case is published in this edition.

A more recent example occurred on 13th October, last year, concerning the Elwood, Victoria incident when a "nominee" appeared on the scene to decree an "explanation" of the cigar shaped object in the sky. Previously, a patch of grass had been burned near the area that had no relation to the sighting whatsoever. But since it was reported, the scientist, from a local institution, thought he had to fit the burned spot into the "explanation". He gave some sort of a "solution" that accounted for the sight, the sound and the cause for the burned grass. At any rate, it had the debunker's desired effect. Fearing ridicule, most of the witnesses decided not to come forward for interviews. However, VUFORS already had more reports than it could attend to at that time. Perhaps others will come forward later.

Documented evidence reveals at least some of these debunkers are commissioned to do just that. For example, the former Chief Civilian Consultant for the U.S. Air Force, Dr Allen Hynek, was instructed to debunk UFOs during a period of activity in Michigan. His attempt made headlines worldwide. The "explanation" of swamp gas brought his career to an abrupt end. He later performed a more useful purpose by organizing a private research organization to research UFO reports. The swamp gas explanation holds the world's record for being the best description for official hot air.

Earlier, the chief official debunker was Dr Donald Menzel, Director of the Harvard College Observatory. His so-called solutions became so ridiculous, he ceased to be of any official value for public debunking.

The greatest attempt to bury the UFOs was when the U.S. Air Force commissioned Dr Edward Condon to head the Condon Committee, a computerized selection of debunkers at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. Dr Condon, a skeptic, made a statement before the project had commenced investigations. The statement was that UFOs were nonsense. He made two visits to the project office where the project personnel were sifting the information and reports.

However, while studying reports it began to dawn in the minds of some of the academics that the phenomenon was real.

In May, 1967, I was requested to visit the project and present examples of Australian cases. It was there that I learned a few of the scientists exhibited evidence of some thinkability and where I learned that Condon had visited the project office only twice. In January, 1969, Dr Condon's report was released. VUFORS president, Judith Magee, commented "It was the only book ever written with the conclusions at the front." Apparently, Dr Condon trusted no one would read any further because more than one third of the cases studied remained unexplained. Those interested in this official attempt should read the book UFOs YES by Dr Dave Saunders, the leading researcher at the project. Those who are willing to struggle through reams of misinformation and irrelevant padding to get at a few facts should read Dr Condon's "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects", which he apparently did not study himself.

An example of Dr Condon's comment on one of the unexplained cases was with regard to Captain Howard's encounter of June, 1954. He was flying a British Airways (then known as British Overseas Corporation) Stratocruiser near Labrador, when he, the crew, and passengers all observed a large cigar shaped UFO with three smaller objects flying in front and three flying behind the big object. Howard radioed the air base from where an interceptor was sent to investigate. As the interceptor drew near, the smaller objects returned to the large object, which then sped away at a fast speed. Dr Condon's statement, published at the front of the book, was "This was an unusual natural phenomenon, so unusual in fact, that it had never been reported before or since."

Here are the facts: I know of twenty-eight such cases presented to the project, three of them presented by myself. They had been reported not only by private investigators but by official personnel as well. These three cases were investigated by the Victorian UFO Research Society and other private researchers, including members of the Queensland Research Group in Brisbane.

The cigar shaped object described by Captain Howard was similar to the one reported by Frederick Valentich, twenty four years later before he vanished while flying from Moorabbin Airport to King Island. Dr Condon failed to bury the UFOs. They refuse to stay undercover.

The good news is that fortunately, a minute percentage of scientists take time to study the reports and are giving some assistance to ufologists. However, these scientists are much more informed than academics who know little, if anything, about documented unexplained cases.

Finally, a newsletter has been distributed in Australia and overseas stating that "The Victorian UFO Research Society did not get control samples for analysis of the dust vacuumed from the Knowles family car." The purpose of taking dust from the car was to compare that dust with brake dust, especially the burned black particles. The analyses from laboratories in both the U.S. and Australia have proved it was not brake dust as maintained by dedicated debunkers who tried to discredit the case. I did not find time to go to the remote area of Mundrabilla until after returning from overseas in July. Meanwhile analysts in Melbourne had that information and found the gap to be so great when compared with the roadside dirt of Mundrabilla that it was not worth considering.

The VUFORS investigations were not postage stamp inquiries. They were expensive, on-the-spot investigations assisted by doctors, engineers, and scientists. The full report has been delayed due to additional results and information we have received concerning analysis and part of the report has been rearranged to accommodate the additional information. Those people interested in the report should place their order so we can determine the number of copies needed.

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CHURCHILL PARK
UFO ENCOUNTER - GROUND RING
SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

SYNOPSIS:

At 9.15 pm Melbourne time, Monday 9th October 1989, a 28 year old mother of three, Mrs ANDERSON, was driving her 27 year old friend and mother of two, Mrs GLEEVE, towards MULGRAVE along Churchill Park Drive, Endeavor Hills, Melbourne. The weather was clear and because of the car head lights visibility was perfect. As they turned a bend in the road both observed an ORANGE - RED UFO from their moving vehicle, first from a distance of 840 metres and secondly from about 150 metres away. From a hover position the object climbed into the sky, flew over the car and disappeared from view over a hill. The encounter took just one minute.

LOCATION:

The location was some six (6) kilometres north-north - east from DANDELONG, east of STUD ROAD and west of CHURCHILL PARK DRIVE, ENDEAVOR HILLS, 80 metres from FRANKSTON DRIVE. (MELWAY MAP p. 82, A8. Australian Map Grid Easting Co-ordinate 345.5 km by Northing Co-ordinate 5798.8 km.)

On the 13th October 1989 I started looking for the possible ground marks in the reported area. A search pattern method was then used to locate the ring over a 3 sq km area. Some five (5) days later (17th Oct. 1989) the ring was found at the bottom of the hill near the road (130 metres from the road side).

ENCOUNTER DESCRIPTION:

As the vehicle turned a slight bend in the road and proceeded to go down a hill, the two women automatically observed a distant orange round ball that appeared to be on the ground and in the trees. They both noted that for such a large object the light did not reflect or illuminate the surrounding trees or area. The light was to the front of the vehicle and to their left (840 metres away).

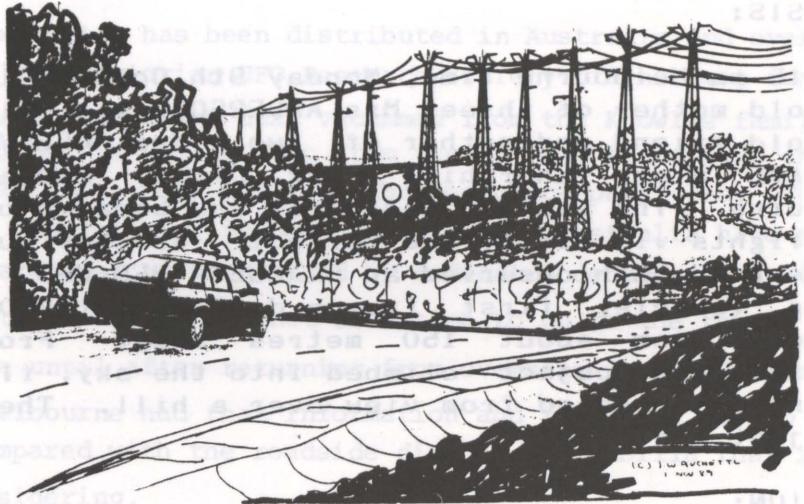


FIG: 1 VEHICLE AT THE TOP OF THE HILL. UFO SEEN OFF TO THE LEFT SOME 840 METRES AWAY.
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Seconds later they lost view of the light as the vehicle came to the bottom of the hill where the tree cover was extremely high and dense. As the car passed under the very large S.E.C. mains power transmission towers that crossed the road, the object was viewed again to their immediate left rear, hovering and starting to climb into the dark sky.

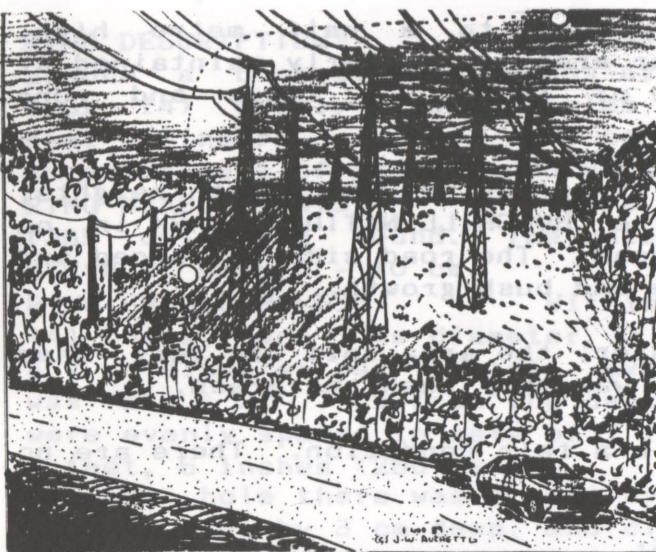


FIG:2

VEHICLE MOVES UNDER THE POWER LINES AND THE UFO RISES UP OVER THE LINES AND THE CAR TOWARDS THE NORTH EAST.
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Within seconds, with no effort or sound, the ball climbed up and crossed over the power lines then over the car, moving from the rear left to the front right. It then flew away at high speed in a north-east direction over the Lysterfield Hills and lake. At no time did the women stop the car. They drove straight out of the area and towards their destination, where they related the encounter to a friend.

Next day the two women called a local newspaper which in turn contacted me to initiate some research into the encounter.

TERRAIN:

The terrain at the location rises from the road towards the east, south, and the west, levelling out towards the north. The west ridge line is some 1.1 kilometres from the road side with a total gradient rise of some 20 metres and the east ridge line is some 3.0 kilometres away, with a total gradient rise of some 200 metres.

The surface ground is partially flat under the power lines due to previous levelling by large machinery for the placement of main State Electricity Commission (SEC) AC 330 Kv power transmission lines and towers.

GROUND COVER:

The ring location is covered in wild grasses, some bush, and assorted native plants. The area under the power

lines is grass from ground level to a half metre high. This clear grass corridor area is regularly maintained at a specific height because of the power lines and runs through the National Park.

The area outside the lines has natural growth heights, dense bush, and trees. The CHURCHILL NATIONAL PARK is on the east side of the road. The road side is fenced and heavily grassed with tree and bush growth.

At the time of the encounter, the area soil was very damp and soft. The vegetation was very lush and green.

The road is bitumen and in a fair condition. There are no street lights at all.

POWER TRANSMISSION TOWERS:

In the immediate area where the UFO was seen run some 48 high voltage power transmission lines in an east to west direction. These lines and towers lead to the main ROWVILLE S.E.C. TERMINAL STATION and two other lines branch off to the small ROWVILLE EAST S.E.C. TERMINAL STATION. The larger towers supply mains power to Melbourne from the YALLOURN coal power complex in the GIPPSLAND district.

There are seven (7) rows of towers spaced some 50 metres apart and two (2) rows of small power poles. There are approximately a total of 18 towers within the immediate area (+ - 1 Km) and six (6) single small power poles.

Two (2) towers are some 80 metres high and are the largest constructed by the S.E.C. One (1) tower is also a large tower some 60 metres high but of an older design and four (4) towers are even still older at 50 metres high. The two (2) small, single pole design are only 8 metres high.

INVESTIGATION

UFO DESCRIPTION: The object was a bright glowing light coloured orange with a little red. However, it did not cast light onto surrounding land or vegetation. It was shaped in a ball or a circle - round form. No sound was produced. It was first in a hover position and raised vertically then flew away horizontally. The women felt that it was very large: about 20 feet wide (6 metres).

RING DESCRIPTION: It was brown-yellow in colour around a central green grass area. Within the ring were four (4) evenly spaced holes and two (2) random semi-cylinders. Within the centre of the ring there was an assortment of non-defined markings.

RING MEASUREMENTS: There was only one (1) 12 foot (365 cm) ring found. The outer brown-yellow ring had a width of some 8 - 10 cm.

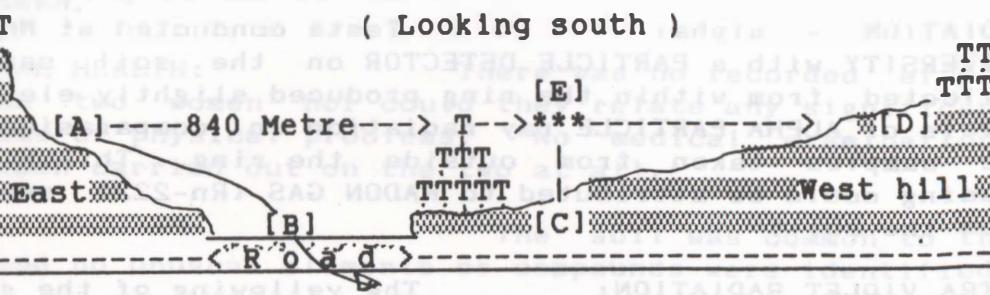
RING GROUND HOLES: Within the ring there were four (4) holes, each 5 cm diameter, 3 cm deep and surrounded by a 7 cm diameter pad imprint. Except for one, each hole was about 5 - 7 cm from the dark outer ring. These holes were evenly spaced in sets of 7 feet, 6 inches (228 cm) or 8 feet, 6 inches (260 cm).

At one hole there was a semi-cylinder "scoop" 10 cm long by 7 cm wide by 3 cm deep, and close by was another.

TREE BRANCH DISTURBANCE: We observed to the north-west section of the ring a dead tree branch (1.5 metres long) that had previously been lying flat on the ground but was now hanging over a presently living tree branch and causing that branch to droop downward under the weight. The positioning of this branch was very recent.

ANIMAL ACTIVITY: There was no obvious animal intervention over the site. There was no animal excretion, markings or tracks.

VISIBILITY PROBLEMS: From the description given, I first thought the UFO was on the ground up towards the top of the hill ridge line (D). If it were any closer to the road, the trees obscured the ground. By using a search pattern method and walking the timbered and grassed areas it still took some 4 days of searching to locate the ground ring at the bottom of the hill (C).



Key:

- T Tree and bush.
- [A] Vehicle located at top of ridge 840 metre away.
- [B] Vehicle at Bottom of hill.
- [C] Ground ring location near road 130 metres.
- [D] The "PHANTOM" location up on the hill
- [E] UFO hover location seen through the trees.

After all that work the ring was closer to the road than I at first thought possible.

It became obvious on later examination that the UFO when first seen must have been at that time in a hover position well above the ground.

However, seen from a distance (A) and with the ground rising behind the UFO (D), this gave the appearance that it was in the trees on the ground (E) (D).

Therefore, when the women next saw the UFO (B) it was moving from that original hover position.

RESEARCH

SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH

All the technical analysis was done at MONASH UNIVERSITY by professional technicians. A Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) with an X-Ray probe for element analysis was used. All sample tests were recorded and cross checked for possible identification or abnormality detection.

GRASS: The grass cell walls were ruptured. The cells to the upper exposed side of the grass stem were dead, while those at the bottom side were still alive. The yellowing extended through the whole leaf width. However, it was very much darker in the outer side. On some leaf stems there was a sharp and definite border between yellow and green cell condition.

RADIATION - alpha: Tests conducted at MONASH UNIVERSITY with a PARTICLE DETECTOR on the soil samples collected from within the ring produced slightly elevated levels of ALPHA PARTICLE ray radiation in comparasion to the samples taken from outside the ring. This higher reading could be attributed to RADON GAS (Rn-222) seepage from the soil?

ULTRA-VIOLET RADIATION: The yellowing of the grass and the surrounding organic material was caused by intense or massive amounts of U.V. radiation.

WATER ABSORPTION: The water content within the darkened area was zero (0).

UFO ACTIVITY: Reports of UFO activity were extensive within a 50 Km radius over the week in question. Some 15 reports were received. For 10 months leading up to the incident there had been some 13 reports over an area 4 Km wide and 15 Km long that intersected the incident's location.

RING DEGRADATION: The dark brown-yellow ring started to disappear some two weeks (22nd Oct., 1989) after the incident. The regrowth back to the green leaf pattern was very rapid. The first parts of the ring to disappear were the brown-yellow markings on any dead organic material. This was followed by the grass regrowth and weathering due to the heavy rain experienced over this period of time.

Because of this, the outer area of the ring was marked with white paint for future reference.

Final loss of the rings occurred some four (4) weeks after the incident (30th Oct. 1989).

ELIMINATED RESEARCH

VEHICLE EFFECTS: There was no recorded effect to the vehicle at all. The car functioned perfectly through the whole encounter and did so after that date.

RADIO RECEPTION: Although the radio was "ON" the women could not recall any unusual static or change to the radio reception. The radio is constantly set on the F.M. band.

PERSONAL HEALTH: There was no recorded effect on the two women nor could they relate any significant symptoms of physical problems. No medical examinations have been carried out on the two at all.

SOIL: The soil was common to the area and no unusual elements or compounds were identified.

POWER LINE LOSS: Contact was made with a Mr Ken Ploog, Station Supervisor, of the ROWVILLE State Electricity Commission Terminal Station. A computer check of the log book and hourly reading for the S.E.C. mains power line showed a rise in power (Kw-hours) normal for

that time of the day. No loss was recorded. However, it must be stated that the system measures in very large power consumption units and any small loss of power would not be recorded.

There was no recorded line or equipment failure in or around that period of the encounter.

HYDROCARBON:
the ring samples.

No hydrocarbon trace found in

INSECTICIDE:
the ring samples.

No insecticide trace found in

WEED KILLERS:
the ring samples.

No weed killer trace found in

DEFOLIANTS:
the ring samples.

No defoliant trace found in

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: Both women drink, but only socially. Neither had consumed any alcoholic beverage on the day of the encounter.

WEATHER: Weather for that time of the night was confirmed to be clear, cool, and no rain. The wind was about 5 knots from the south-east. No thunder storms or lightning were present.

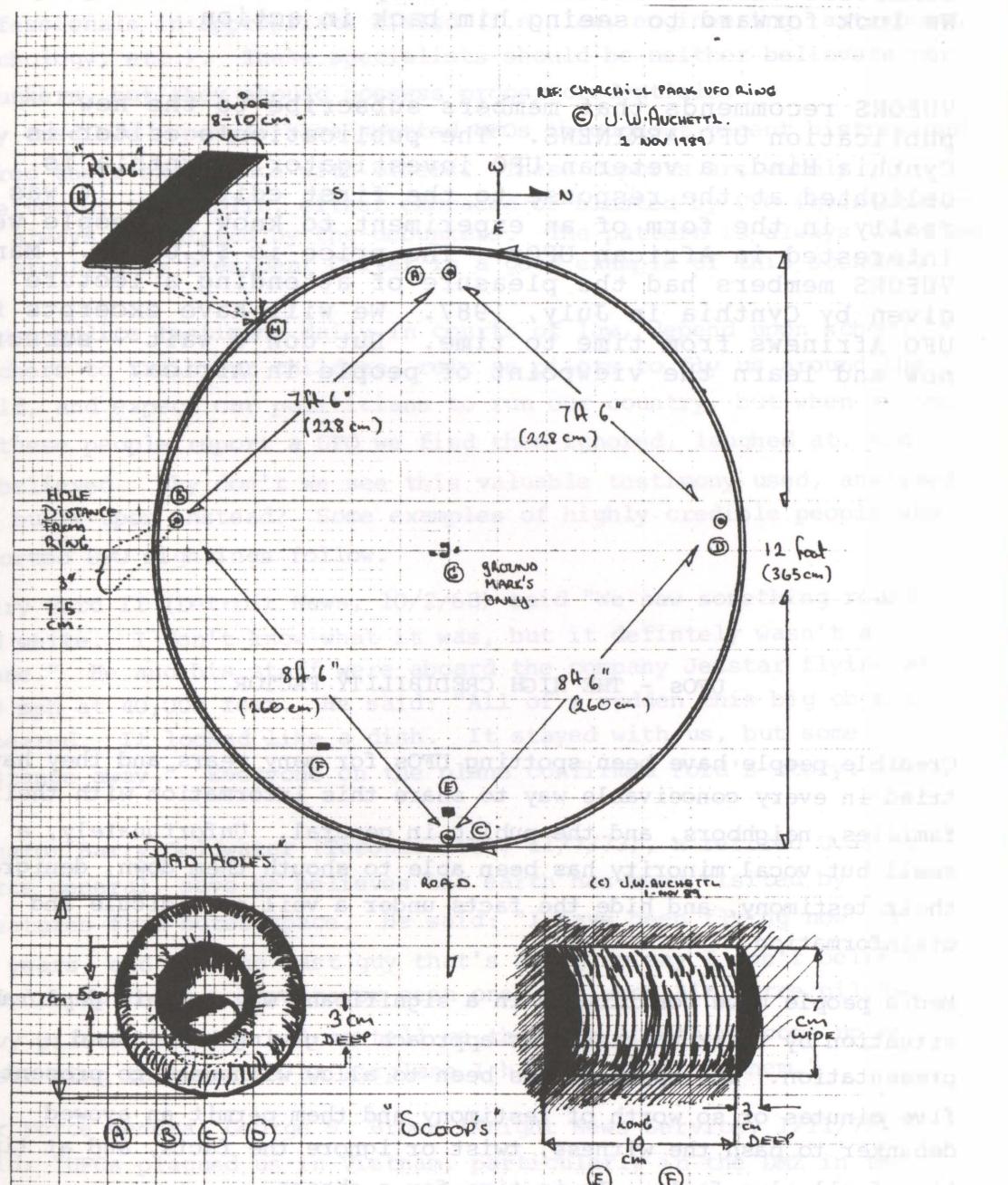
CONCLUSION

SIGNIFICANT UFO LINK:

In my opinion our U.V. discovery is one of the most important links to the UFO phenomenon. Research into the nature of UFOs has now been dramatically improved by this encounter. We have now linked a previous known event associated with UFO activity to the Churchill Park research data and at a future date plan to publish the findings.

I have been visiting the site every two weeks and will do so for some 6 months to examine the location for abnormal ground vegetation growth or death.

JOHN W. AUCHETTL



We are pleased to report that Russell Briers is well on his way to recovery after a recent operation. Russell had no sooner commenced his valuable assistance to the VUFORS committee when it became necessary to have the surgery. We look forward to seeing him back in action.

VUFORS recommends that members subscribe to the new publication UFO AFRINEWS. The publication's editor is Cynthia Hind, a veteran UFO investigator. Cynthia is delighted at the response to the first edition. It was really in the form of an experiment to know if people were interested in African UFOs. The price is \$4.00 US. Many VUFORS members had the pleasure of attending a lecture given by Cynthia in July, 1987. We will have excerpts from UFO Afrinews from time to time. But don't wait - subscribe now and learn the viewpoint of people in Africa.

UFOs - THE HIGH CREDIBILITY FACTOR

Credible people have been spotting UFOs for many years and they have tried in every conceivable way to share this information with their families, neighbors, and the public in general. Unfortunately, a small but vocal minority has been able to shout them down, denigrate their testimony, and hide the facts under a veil of ridicule and misinformation.

Media people have contributed in a significant way to this deplorable situation by their unscientific approach to giving a balanced presentation. The approach has been to allow witnesses to present five minutes or so worth of testimony and then permit an avowed debunker to bash the witness, twist or ignore the facts, and at times lie if all else fails. It is time for a change.

A balanced presentation would allow the witness to tell his or her story as they would in a court case. Substantiation could then be presented by trained investigators having an in-depth understanding of the UFO data base. Finally, the data would be examined by professionals in appropriate fields (i.e. law, engineering, astronomy, psychology, etc.). These specialists should be neither believers nor debunkers, but they should possess proper credentials. Very credible people have spotted UFOs throughout recent history and shared their experience with others. These reports are warmly received by the public, either embraced or blasted by UFO investigators and always denigrated by the debunkers. The pattern is always the same. The sighting by President Carter is a good example of this scenario.

We use police testimony daily in courts of law, depend upon school teachers to train our children, rely on pilots to fly us around the world, and expect our politicians to run our country; but when anyone of these people report a UFO we find them ignored, laughed at, and disbelieved. Why don't we see this valuable testimony used, analyzed and built upon instead? Some examples of highly credible people who reported UFO sightings follow.

Henry Ford II (Detroit News, 10/2/68) said "We saw something round and white. I don't know what it was, but it definitely wasn't a plane." He and his staff were aboard the company Jetstar flying at 550 mph at 40,000 feet. He said: "All of a sudden this big object appeared. It looked like a dish. It stayed with us, but some distance away." Everyone on the plane confirmed Ford's story.

Senator Barry Goldwater (Toronto Star, 11/7/73), a retired U.S. Air Force general, says he believes the earth has been visited by creatures from outer space. He said: "I have been flying now for 44 years, and I'm the last guy that's going to say I don't believe they're up there. I've never seen one, but when air force pilots, navy pilots, airline pilots tell me they see something come up on their wing that wasn't an airplane I have to believe them."

Air Force General George S. Brown (Knight News Service, 1/11/78) said: "UFOs plagued us in Vietnam, particularly in the DMZ in the early summer of 1968, and near Pleiku in 1969. The strange craft

appeared only at night, were "painted" on our radar screens, and behaved much like enemy helicopters - except that their speed and maneuverability were too good."

Astronomer F.M. Stephenson (4/4/72) said in New Zealand "I have seen two of these objects and cannot think of any other way of solving the mystery about them except by study and comparing the sightings with similar ones in other parts of the world."

Dr. Charles Maney, professor emeritus of physics and mathematics, said in the Wall Street Journal (12/13/65) "these objects are unquestionably from outer space."

Dr. Hermann Oberth, German's V-2 rocket scientist, said in the American Weekly (10/24/54) "It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and that they are spaceships from another solar system. I think they have been sent out to conduct systematic, long-range investigations..."

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur speaking at the United States Military Academy at West Point (5/12/62) talked about reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. A part of that frontier was "of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy..."

President of the United States Ronald Reagan, speaking before the 42nd General Assembly of the United Nations (9/21/87) had a similar uniting theme. He said: "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world."

Thousands of other highly credible witnesses have made similar statements. The latest report of this nature is shown below - think about it.....then do something about it.

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UFO CONFERENCES IN THE USSR

UFO Congress at Tomsk, Siberia

In the company of Heikki Virtanen, vice chairman of Suomen Ufotutkijat, I visited Estonia on July 15-17, 1988. In Tallin we met Igor Volke, vice chairman of the Estonian UFO research group, and several other local ufologists.

The latest news from the kingdom of the Perestrojka is quite interesting. The Estonian researchers had taken part in a major UFO research congress in Tomsk, at the heart of Siberia, on April 18-25, 1988.

More than 300 UFO researchers from all parts of the Soviet Union attended the eight day long conference, arranged at the Technical High School of Tomsk. There were many interesting lectures. The subject had been divided into six sub-sections, each with it's own working party during the congress. Besides the Tomsk Technical High School, the meeting was organized by the Siberian department of the Soviet Union's Academy of Science and the Scientific-Technical Associations Central Organization.

During the congress recent investigations of a UFO case near Vladivostok, in April 1986, were related:

A luminous light-ball descended with about a dozen people as spectators. At the last moment the light changed to a more horizontal path and crashed on a 30 metre tall cliff. The UFO exploded into tiny, tiny particles. On the surface of these particles a strange, net-like structure, like gauze bandage, was found. Laboratory tests have shown that they consist of a great number of rare metals. A few of the particles are practically pure gold and silver, some 50% of each.

Among all the leading Soviet researchers the meeting was attended by

the chairman of the Soviet UFO research commission, the corresponding member of the Academy of Science, Vsevolod Troitski, and vice chairman Pavel Popovitch. Felix Zigel was absent due to illness.

One of the more prominent UFO researchers nowadays is a doctor of chemistry, Dmitrijev. He had a long presentation to the congress on the subject of anomalous phenomena in the atmosphere. Dmitrijev proposed a theory that certain phenomena, believed to be UFOs, could be caused by plasma-balls created around solar particles in connection with sun-spot activity. This would explain the observed 11 year frequency in both the UFO phenomenon and sun-spots.

Dmitrijev was especially worried by the diminished ozone layer. He is a member of the UN committee created to research this phenomenon. According to Dmitrijev, signs were recently found that the layer has diminished over east Siberia, Brazil and northern Europe.

Source: Tapani Koivula, *Ufojen kosminen viesti*, 1988, WSOY, Finland, pp. 473-474. Finnish-Swedish translation: Heikki Virtanen. Swedish-English translation: Anders Liljegren.

UFO Seminar in Petroskoi

The national seminar for UFO researchers, held for the second time in Petroskoi, lasted for two days. More than 50 participants from such cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk, Tbilisi and Tomsk attended. Guest of honour was the many times World Champion, test pilot Marina Popovitch, wife of cosmonaut Pavel Popovitch.

The meeting was arranged by Gennadi Sorokin, chairman of the Petroskoi commission. Arvid Mordvin-Shtshodro, chairman of the Leningrad commission as well as secretary of the all-union UFO commission, opened the seminar. The programme was arduous.

Mihail Korovkin and Natanja Lebedeva, from Tomsk, related the investigations of the Dalnegorsk phenomenon. Talassi Shonija, from Tbilisi, spoke about anomalous damages to woods in Gruusien, and Konstantin Hazanovitsh, from Leningrad, described UFO research in

Australia.

Galina Smirnova, of Moscow, spoke about the anomalous phenomenon at Jasonevo, and Aleksandr Popov, from Petroskoi, made comments on preliminary results of investigated phenomena at Kontupohja and Vieljarvi.

The seminar also had talks by eye witnesses. The importance of methodology in eye witness investigation was underlined. An exhibition with dozens of screens described well known anomalous phenomena.

The aim of the seminar was to spread the word about UFO research, particularly through the press, during the era of Glasnost. The seminar was attended by representatives of APN, Moskovskie Novosti, national television, as well as the local press and television. Esko Kokkonen, reporter for the Finnish radio of Uleaborg, also attended.

Marina Popovitch valued the meeting in this way:

"This seminar here at Petroskoi is a great feather in the organizers hats. The great interest from mass media is, in itself, a victory for the researchers of this so little known subject. Extraterrestrial civilizations and contacts, and the research into these subjects, were the aims of the seminar, and the event was an important step forward in the development of science and the search for new civilizations."

Source: Neuvosto-Karjala, Sept. 18, 1988. Finnish-Swedish translation: Heikki Virtanen. Swedish-English translation: Anders Liljegren.

Credit: AFU Newsletter, published by Archives for UFO Research, P.O. Box 11027, S-600 11 Norrkoping, Sweden.

A CAUS correspondent, Mr Josen Takano of Hakui City, Japan, has forwarded a curious document which may have some significance, if genuine.

It is alleged to be an official internal memorandum of the Defense Agency of Japan (DAJ). Takano, an official at the Hakui City Public Hall, says that he received the memo from Eisuke Tsuruta of the publicity office for the Secretary of the Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF), through Akira Kusaka, Director of Election-Counter-measure of the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan's Kagawa Prefecture. It's on official DAJ stationery. We're informed that it's not uncommon to find handwritten internal memos in the Japanese government. "OSI" in the memo is the JSDF's overseas intelligence branch.

Our rough translation, endorsed by members of the Nippon TV crew mentioned previously, is as follows:

1 May 1979 OSI Mr Yamada

"The US Air Force has resumed collecting information and data on UFOs, which the CIA has proposed not to do. It is said that they were asked to do so by the Space Science Committee of the United Nations. But the real reason was because a crashed space ship (Adamski-type) which retained its original form, was found recently (26th Apr.?) near the border between the US and Mexico. Is there any section which specializes in UFO matters in the Self-Defence Air Force of Japan?

(Man from DAJ answering, Ed.)
No, there isn't. We think you had better be concerned with the UFO field before long because this matter will become sensational in the near future.

OVER. Thank you."

Nippon TV's Hidehiko Amemiya told us that he had looked into this paper and while it is on genuine stationery, he couldn't be sure it was an official document. An attempt to trace Mr Yamada failed. The stationery is not hard for anyone to acquire and we are bothered by the reference to an "Adamski-type" craft. The language barrier is difficult in this case and we solicit any help. We are in possession of other letters to be translated. CAUS is keeping a questioning attitude about this development.

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The Threats of Outer Space

Sunday, Oct. 15, 1989 Houston Chronicle

A Soviet military journal has cited unidentified flying objects as a reason for the United States to halt development of its complex, laser-ray Strategic Defence Initiative - the so-called Star Wars system. The authoritative Soviet Military Review stopped short of acknowledging a belief in the existence of alien spacecraft. But Aleksandr Kuzovin and Aleksandr Semyonov argue that Star Wars super swift computer system might mistake a UFO for an enemy missile attack and order a retaliatory strike. Declared the authors in an article entitled UFOs and Security: "We believe that lack of information on the characteristics and influence of UFOs increases the threat of incorrect identifications."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

J. Magee re:

Publications Officer

U.F.O. Bulletin

M. Fernandez

In reference to Paul Whitehead's article (F.S.R.) I think it is quite the most interesting piece of information printed in June U.F.O. Bulletin because it states that as much as 90% of a huge missing mass in our universe is needed to explain its characteristics. This seems to refer to forces at present, beyond the comprehension of the world of solid matter in which we exist.

It is gradually dawning upon these scientists who probe the universe that, because we cannot understand another dimension of existence, this does not mean that one does not exist.

Of late, a wider perspective of analysis has spread through the attitude of mind toward our one eyed view taken from this one perspective which we only understand, with astonishing results.

To prove the existence of a world of another dimension one has to omit the familiar world and step toward something entirely new and strange. One also has to seek facts of a corresponding nature to connect with our universe to find a parallel world to link with matter. That this is a possibility is what the article suggests.

I am not inclined to agree entirely with the idea of sameness on a different dimension, this is not possible, but, I think there are clues to be found in the dimension of solid matter that link with powers beyond our comprehension and link matter with invisible sources.

I have always associated this type of thinking with U.F.O. sightings and I am now almost convinced that some form of energy exists of another dimension today still, that has existed through time unrealised by us, that can step from one dimension to another at will and materialise briefly in Earth's atmosphere.

There is a definite similarity about the U.F.O.'s sudden appearance and that of those beings in ancient times listed in historic records of the Bible.

These beings had the willpower to muster protons from the atmosphere and organise them into a human form, under the influence of a magnetic field and magnesium type flare of illumination thus stepping briefly from one dimension to another.

One has to be born with lightning fast reflexes to assess the propensities of a U.F.O. A second sighting always makes the mind more alert and the senses don't distract so easily. One notices the density of darkness that surrounds the materialising light in the night sky or the massed cloud in a day sky, from which the silver craft emerges and wonders could the procedure be similar to a massing of certain energies in the atmosphere of which we know nothing, but superior beings of another dimension are able to manipulate with ease.

This is a similarity to ponder on. Actually, the massing of certain elements in the atmosphere is responsible for the emergence of life on this planet so the connection is worth analysis. An intellectual form of energy with manipulative skills over the elements must exist somewhere for the powers of the universe to function lucidly.

Perhaps this is the missing mass spoken of in the article and the scientists are really on to solving the many questions we all ask and find no answer to.

The whole subject has such an intriguing aspect that, after reading Paul Whitehead's article, I can only hope that there will be a "follow up" in July Bulletin of U.F.O. Research Magazine.

E. Mackay
Long time member U.F.O. Society

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Scientists press Carter to probe UFO

film verified by 20 experts

SCIENTISTS are demanding President Carter order an investigation into a film shown on Good Morning, America that experts say is dramatic evidence of the existence of UFOs.

The President is under pressure to get the government to step in following careful analysis of the film by some of America's most respected authorities.

Millions of people all over the world have seen the film which was taken by an Australian TV crew flying over New Zealand on New Year's Eve.

The cameraman shot 23,000 frames of 16 mm color footage of a huge, brightly-lit object which those aboard the plane say followed them on two legs of the journey up and down the South Island of New Zealand.

It made such an impact on executives of Channel 10 on Melbourne TV that they called in American experts to put the film to rigorous scientific tests.

More than 20 specialists in electronics, optical physiology, astronomy, biophysics, radar and photography have unanimously agreed that it was the first verified film of an unidentified flying object.

They said it was unique because it was the first time a UFO had been not only observed and photographed, but also tracked independently on ground radar.

"I think this film firmly establishes the UFO phenomenon is eminently worth serious scientific study," Professor Allen Hynek, astronomy professor and president of the Center for UFO Studies.

Speaking shortly after the film had been shown on Good Morning,



ABOVE LEFT: photo enhancement of the image captured on one of the frames shot by the Channel 10 camera crew. Experts say it shows extreme brightness and multi-colors at the edge of the image.

ABOVE RIGHT: This brightly-lit mushroom-shaped object was filmed over New Zealand on New Year's Eve by the Channel 10 camera crew.

as possible on the President and the government to take this matter much further.

"The official stance is that after many years of investigating UFO reports the government doesn't want to get any further involved. But we know from documents we have obtained that this is absolute nonsense.

"UFOs are still the subject of top-level interest, and we think the President should get this film examined by a wide field of government experts."

Channel 10 reporter Quentin

Fogarty, who took the film, flew to New York to hear the announcement of the scientific findings. He said: "I am absolutely delighted that they were so positive.

"Neither the aircraft crew nor my camera colleagues were in any doubt whatsoever about what we saw on New Year's Eve. But there was tremendous skepticism after the film and report was aired.

"People said I was nuts or a hoaxer, but I knew that if the film could be properly examined, we would be vindicated. And I'm glad that has happened."

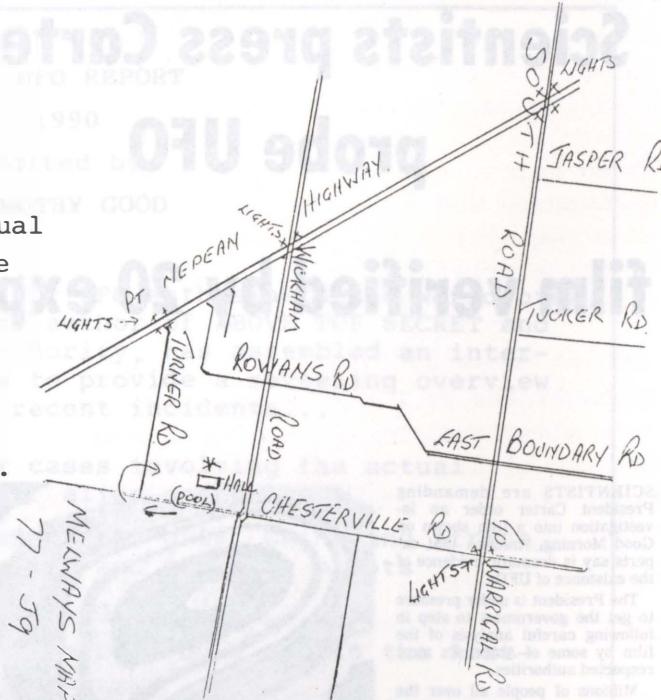
MARCH DISCUSSION NIGHT

Monday, 5th March
at 8 pm

Due to renovations, our usual venue will not be available for our March meeting.

However, we have been fortunate in acquiring the hall at the Combined Sports Centre in Turner Rd. Hightett, through our member Mr. Dennis Carroll. One great advantage is we can begin at 8 pm and not be required to vacate the hall by a certain time.

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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